

THEATRES AND BALLS.

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trate invited by the Mayor to replace him thereto in case of his absence. Provided that the place so reserved for the Mayor or other persons sent in his place shall be furnished without said managers being entitled to any compensation, and they shall adhere to this condition before obtaining a license to open their theatres.

ART. 14. The Mayor, as often as he may deem it necessary, shall examine whether the theatres, places of public resort be constructed with the requisite solidity, and carefully kept in repair, so that the public may assemble there without danger; and he shall take suitable measures to prevent the accidents that might result from any negligence in that respect on the part of the proprietors, tenants or other persons having the management or direction of the said theatres, places of public spectacles, or other places of public resort.

ART. 15. The manager, acting manager or other person having the management or direction of a theatre, shall place and constantly keep, within the play-house, several large tubs, and at least one fire-engine in good repair, which must be filled on days of performance; and on failure of complying with this requisite, and until the manager shall have complied with it, the Mayor shall order the theatre to be and remain shut up.

ART. 16. By virtue of the powers granted by law to the Mayor and City Council, the Mayor shall cause to be shut up any place of public resort, whenever the maintenance of order, the public safety or tranquillity may require it.

*Approved, June 8, 1816.*

*An Ordinance respecting public Balls.*

THE CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS :

ART. 1. It shall not be lawful for any person to enter into a public ball-room with any cane, stick, sword or any other weapon, and every person having either a cane, stick, sword or any other weapon, shall, before he enter the ball-room, deposit the same at the office which shall be at the door of the entrance of said ball-room, where there will be a person appointed to receive and take care of such articles which he shall carefully keep, affixing to each article a number, a check of which he shall give to the owner; and said articles shall not be returned to the persons respectively depositing them, until said persons are quitting the balls and produce their checks.

ART. 2. Every person entering in any public ball-room, in contravention to the above provision, shall pay a fine of five dollars; and every person giving a public ball without having previously established an office at the door of the entrance of said ball-room, and without appointing a person to receive and take care, in the manner aforesaid, of the articles before mentioned shall pay a fine of twenty-five dollars, and if the offence is repeated, the offender shall forfeit the right to hold any further permission to give such public balls.